(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) how many unserviceable buses have been discarded by the Delhi Transport Corporation during the years 1984, 1985 and 1986 upto 31st July, 1986; and

(d) what is the procedure being adopted by the Delhi Transport Corporation to dispose of the discarded buses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (d). The discarded buses of D.T.C. are disposed off by Tender-cum-Auction. At present this work is entrusted to Metal Scrap Trading Corporation Ltd., a Government of India enterprise, by an agreement entered into by D.T.C. in October, 1985. According to the procedure followed, M.S.T.C. invites tenders in advance and then holds open auction. The discarded buses are then disposed off against the highest offer received in either, the number of unserviceable buses discarded by D.T.C. during the years 1984, 1985 and 1986 (upto 31st July, 1986) has been 839,26 and 77* (*includes 4 mini buses and 3 matadors) respectively.

News item 'Saris in the air'

2100. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in "The Statesman" of 30th July, 1986 under the caption "Saris in the air Airlines taken for a ride"; and

(b) if so, what is the Government's reaction to the main allegation made therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A report received from Indian Airlines on the subject is under examination.

Nonfunctioning of Radar at Dum-Dum Aidport

2101. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Radar at Dum-Dum airport went out of order on the 18th June, 1986;

(b) if so, for how long the instrument remained out of order; and

(c) what was its effect on the flights from the airport?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) About 18 hours.

(c) There was no effect on the flights.

Serving of meals to passengers on Delhi-Moscow route

2102. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in Boeing 707 operating on Delhi-Moscow route, Air India do not serve vegetarian meals to the passengers; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir. Air India serves both vegetarian and non-vegetarian meals on all flights operating on the Delhi-Moscow sector.

(b) Does not arise.

Additional facilities in Vijaywada Division

2103. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently received any representation from the Indian Chamber of Commerce, Guntur